(d) if so, what steps are being contejnplated by Government to meet the sihortage being experienced by the rubber industry?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (.SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) It is a fact that thare is a shortage of 'hard grade' Carbon Black in the . country mainly used in the manufacture of Bus and Truck tyres. The main reason for the shrotagie is due to the increased demand for this product, in view of the increased production in Bus and Truck tyres targeted for the current year, fherc is no shortage of soft grades of Carbon Black as enough raw material is available for them in the country.

(c) Yes, Sir. Some sectors of Rubber Industry including production of tyres have been affected.

(d) Government have allowed the im port of hard grade Carbon Black to manufacturers of Bus and Truck tyres to tide over the shortage. Government are'; also taking steps to allow the import of high BMCI carbon black feed stock for manufacturers of had grade carbon black so that their production capacity is fully utilised and carbon black of all grades is adequately available. At the same time efiorts are being made to maximise pro duction of high BMCI feed stock from in digenous refineries.

Setting up of a National Industrial Technology Data Bank

3270. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration to set up a National Industrial Technology Data Bank in the country?

(b) if *so* what are the details of the proposal; and

(c) by when it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main objective of the Industrial Technology Information Centre would be to collect analyse and disseminate information on technical and commercial aspects of industrial technologies from abroad and within the country;.

(c) Technical assistance is being obtained to design and establish such a Centre in the D.G.T.D. The Centre is expected to be fully operational within a fr\v years.

Reimbursement in respect of 6 APA

3271. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) when the principle of pro-ijata, reimbursement of the amount due in res pect of 6 APA was given up;

(b) how many companies have been paid the full amount due and how many companies are yet to be paid their due amount; and

(c) whether the matter would be en trusted to a committee of MP's for in vestigation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The amount from DPEA is distrbuted depending upon the availability of funds and the requirements in accordance with the provisions of DPCO, 1979.

(c) No, Sir.

Prices of bulk vitamins

3272. DR. BAPU KALDATE: SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY:

Will the! Minister of INDUSTRY tw* pleased to refer to the answer to Uostar-

red Question 676 given in" the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd may, 1988 and state the prices of bulk vitamins under DPCO, 1979 and their present prices?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): The price under DPCO, 1979 and the present price of bulk vitamins are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the drug	Unit	Price under DPCO, 1979	Present Price
			(Rs.)	(Rs.)
1	Vitamin A Pal 1 miu/gm .	. 1000	990.55	1300.00
2	Vitamin A Acetate dry pdr. 0.5 miu/gm		1297-86	2100.00
3	Vitamin A Pal 1.7 miu/gm		1020.67	1300.00
4	Vitamin Bl Hcl (oral)	. Kg.	950.00	1132.00
5	Vitamin Bl Hcl (amp)	. Kg.	1005.00	1176-00
			1011.50	1228.00
7	Vitamin B2	. Kg.	1820.00 (pooled price)	2574-72
8	Vitamin 86	. Kg.	1200.00	1571-00
9	Vitamin B-12 (cyno)	. Kg.	156.00	220-00
10	Vitamin B-12 (Hydroxy) .	. Kg.	221.00	350.00
		. Kg.	219-50 (Ambalal Sarabhai Ltd.)	320-00
			25-65	35.05
		. Kg.	552-01	730.00
		. Kg.	2631-62	3241.04
			157.00	190-00
16	Vitamin P	. Kg.	610.78	1075.00

Assessment of overcharged amounts against Drag Companies

3273. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY:

Will the Minister Of INDUSTRY be please to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 685 given in the Rajya Sabha on the [2]ud May, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the names of the companies against which the overcharged amount assessed is nil or such amount is yet to be determined;

(b) what are the approved prices of *I* Merind, Hoechst and S.G. pharmaceuti cals covered under the litigation and at what prices fbey are selling the said pro ducts; and

(c) what are the reasons for working out the amount upto the 31st December, 1983 and not upto August, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Information to the extent available is given; below.

(1) M|s. Parke Davis Ltd.,

(2) M|s. Anil Starch Ltd,